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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                       | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed on September 26, 2007 has been entered. Claims 34 and 44 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-52 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 9, 18, 25, 29, 33, and 34 being independent.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Celik (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2007/0021111 A1).

3. In regards to claims 1, 25, 29, and 33, Celik discloses the method, contact management system, and computer-readable medium for contact management comprising: maintaining an address book (e.g., address book/phonebook); providing a notification (e.g., signal or "call event happened") (See pg. 5, paragraph [0040]), via a user terminal (See Fig. 2 and second user device 2050), of an incoming call initiated by

a calling party (e.g., first user) directed to a communication device; receiving a command (for example, the command may simply be the second user selecting to "Add" or "Update" the first user), responsive to the notification, to add the calling party to the address book; obtaining contact-related information (e.g., E-mail address, name, telephone number, home address; business address, etc.) associated with the calling party in response to the received command; and adding the obtained contact-related information to the address book (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]).

4. In regards to claims 2, 10, 19, 26, 30, and 35, Celik discloses the method and system, wherein maintaining an address book comprises maintaining an address book in a server coupled to a network (See pg. 2, paragraph [0023]).

5. In regards to claims 3, 11, 20, 27, 31, and 36, Celik discloses the method and system, wherein maintaining an address book comprises maintaining an XML-over-HTTP web service in a database (See pg. 8, paragraph [0065]).

6. In regards to claim 4, Celik discloses the method, wherein providing a notification via a user terminal comprises providing a notification that indicates a telephone number associated with the incoming call (See pg. 5, paragraph [0040]).

7. In regards to claims 5 and 12, Celik discloses the method, wherein receiving a command responsive to the notification comprises receiving a command (e.g., selection of whether to add or update the first user), from the user (e.g., second user) via the user terminal (e.g. second user device 2050) (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]).

8. In regards to claims 6, 14, 15, 22, 37, and 38, Celik discloses the method, wherein obtaining contact-related information comprises obtaining at least one of a name, a

home address, a business address, a facsimile number, an e-mail address, an instant messenger address, an IP address, a cell phone number, a landline telephone number, an image, an audio signal, and a public record associated with the calling party (See pg. 3-4, paragraph [0033]).

9. In regards to claims 7 and 17, Celik discloses the method, wherein obtaining contact-related information comprises obtaining the contact information based on a telephone number associated with the calling party (See pg. 3-4, paragraph [0033]).

10. In regards to claims 8, 16, and 40, Celik discloses the method, wherein obtaining contact-related information comprises obtaining the contact information using a caller identification (CID) service (See pg. 3-4, paragraph [0033]).

11. In regards to claim 9, Celik discloses a method for contact management comprising: maintaining an address book (e.g., address book/phonebook) for a user (See Fig. 2 and second user); providing access to a contact source, the contact source including at least one listing representing a communication between the user (e.g., second user) and a second party (e.g., first user); receiving a request (for example, the request may simply be the second user selecting to "Add" or "Update" the first user) to add the second party to the address book; obtaining contact-related information (e.g., E-mail address, name, telephone number, home address; business address, etc.) associated with the second party in response to the received request; and storing the obtained contact-related information in the address book (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]).

12. In regards to claims 13, 28, 32, 39, 41, 42, and 43, Celik discloses the method and system, wherein providing access to the contact source comprises providing access to

at least one of an incoming call history, an outgoing call history, an account statement, a billing statement, a caller ID (CID) display, an e-mail log, and a log of facsimile transmissions (for example, the first user may already exist in the second user's address book/phonebook, via the second user exchange log file) (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]) and pg. 7, paragraph [0053] – [0054]).

13. In regards to claim 18, Celik discloses a method for contact management comprising: maintaining an address book (e.g., address book/phonebook) for a user (See Fig. 2 and second user); receiving a request (for example, the request may simply be the second user selecting to "Add" or "Update" the first user) to add a contact (e.g., first user) to the address book; wherein the contact is a party with which the user communicated prior to making the request (for example, the first user may already exist in the second user's address book/phonebook); accessing a communication log (e.g., second user exchange log file) associated with the user; searching the communications log for the contact; obtaining contact-related information (e.g., E-mail address, name, telephone number, home address; business address, etc.) associated with the contact using information included in the communications log; and storing the obtained contact-related information in the address book (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050] and pg. 7, paragraph [0053] - [0054]).

14. In regards to claims 21, 23, and 24, Celik discloses the method, wherein accessing a communications log comprises accessing at least one of an incoming call history, an outgoing call history, an e-mail log, and a log of facsimile transmissions (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]) and pg. 7, paragraph [0053] – [0054]).

15. In regards to claim 34, Celik discloses a method for contact management comprising: maintaining an address book (e.g., address book/phonebook) for a user (See Fig. 2 and second user); receiving a command (for example, the command may simply be the second user selecting to "Add" or "Update" the first user) to add a party (e.g., first user) to the address book; obtaining contact-related information (e.g., E-mail address, name, telephone number, home address; business address, etc.) associated with the party in response to the received command; adding the obtained contact-related information to the address book; detecting a change in the obtained contact-related information associated with the party by searching a plurality of network-based resources for information (for example, the first user may already exist in the address book/phonebook of the second user, and therefore, just simply needs to be updated if there is a change to the first user's E-mail address, name, telephone number, home address; business address, etc.); updating the address book to reflect the change in the contact-related information (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]).

16. In regards to claim 44, Celik discloses the method, wherein detecting a change in the obtained contact-related information further comprises: comparing said information from searching the plurality of network based resources with the obtained contact-related information (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]) and pg. 7, paragraph [0053] – [0054]).

17. In regards to claim 45, Celik discloses the method, wherein searching a plurality of network-based resources comprises periodically searching said resources (See pg. 7, paragraph [0053] – [0054]).

18. In regards to claims 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50, Celik discloses the method, wherein

updating the address book to reflect the change in the contact-related information comprises automatically updating the address book without user intervention (See pg. 7, paragraph [0054]).

19. In regards to claim 51, Celik discloses the method, further comprising: receiving instructions from the user that specify preferences for updating the address book (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]).

20. In regards to claim 52, Celik discloses the method, wherein updating the address book to reflect the change in the contact-related information comprises updating the address book based on the preferences (See pg. 6, paragraph [0050]).

### ***Response to Arguments***

21. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-52 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

22. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan K. Addy whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

23. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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